

Weekly Status & Information Report: January 16 - 20, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of January 23, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, January 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Redistricting Task Force meeting, Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- COLTA hearing, Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m. in the Rose Room
- Takoma Park Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. (City Clerk)

2. Small Community Grant Program: The FY 2012 Small Community Grant Program information is available online at: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/sc-grants/index.html>. Projects must be completed by June 30. The application deadline is February 8. (City Clerk)

3. Main Street Façade Improvement Grant: Commercial properties located within the Maryland Main Street Takoma, including the Old Town and Takoma Junction commercial areas are encouraged to make physical improvements to building exteriors and their surroundings through the City's Main Street Façade Improvement Grant program. Eligible activities include visible improvements such as signage, awnings and lighting. Applications can be accessed at http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/facade_grant.html. Deadline for applications is January 31. For more information, contact Nima Upadhyay at 301-891-7219 or nimau@takomagov.org. (Housing and Community Development)

4. Music at the Community Center - Classical Jazz and Irish Dance: Washington Musica Viva presents "The Mighty Saxophone of Charley Gerard" tonight and on Wednesday (January 25), the Institute of Musical Traditions offers an evening with The Bog Band and the Shannon Dunne Dancers. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. There is an admission fee for both concerts. For more information: <http://www.imtfolk.org> and <http://dcmusicaviva.org>. (Housing and Community Development)

5. Community Participates at First Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Meeting: On Wednesday night (January 18), City Staff held the first meeting on the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project at the Community Center Auditorium. The event was well-attended by residents and business owners who learned about the project and shared their aspirations and concerns for improving the pedestrian environment at the Ethan Allen Gateway. Input for the project is still welcome and community members are contributing comments to the interactive project map online. Share your thoughts for the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape and keep up to date on other planning projects on the New Ave at <http://www.thenewave.com/development/projects>. (Housing and Community Development)

6. ZTA 11-08 Commercial Kitchens Public Hearing: The Montgomery County Council will be holding a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. If approved the amendment would permit, under certain conditions, the establishment of a commercial kitchen in certain residential zoning districts. The hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24 in the Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. To sign up to testify on the proposed amendment, please contact the County Council Office at 240-777-7803. (Housing and Community Development)

7. Opportunity to Comment - County Park and Recreation Needs: Montgomery Parks and the Montgomery County Recreation Department are seeking public ideas and comments from residents for the 2012 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update. Community input on future parks and recreation needs will be gathered on Tuesday, January 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the MNCPPC Montgomery Regional Office (8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring). Attendees will have a chance to help develop a 10 to 20 year plan for providing recreation and aquatic centers, environmental preservation, trails, community gardens, skateboard facilities, dog parks, volleyball courts, and cricket pitches, as well as other traditional facilities such as athletic fields, picnic shelters, playgrounds, ice rinks, and tennis and basketball courts. For more information, contact MCP-PROSPlan2012@MontgomeryParks.org or visit <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/ParkPlanning/index.shtm>. (Housing and Community Development)

8. Internship Opportunity: The City of Takoma Park is seeking an intern to assist in the coordination of its cultural programming. Current offerings include poetry readings, concerts, dance, exhibits, film, lectures and public art. Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a college or university program in arts management or a related field. Candidates who graduated within the past year will be considered. For more information, contact Sara Anne Daines at SaraD@takomagov.org or 301.891.7224. (Housing and Community Development)

9. Income Tax Assistance: The Tess Center (Takoma-East Silver Spring Community Service Center) located at 8513 Piney Branch Road is again offering free assistance to low income families who need help in completing state and federal income tax forms. You

must have a gross income of \$50,000 or less to be eligible for this program. Please call 301-565-7675 for further information and a required appointment. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. **Ladies Boot Camp in Session!:** Another session of Ladies Boot Camp has begun. A group of 18 women have started the New Year with one mission - to stay fit. Ladies Boot Camp is offered at Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 7:30 p.m. Space is still available to join this exciting class. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

11. **2012 Futsal League Kicks Off This Weekend!:** In its inaugural season the Futsal League will play host to 60 girls and boys in and around the Takoma Park community. The Recreation Department is thrilled with the immediate success of this program and is looking forward to a great start. Practice will begin on Saturday from 5:00 7:00 p.m. and games will be played on Sunday from 1:00 4:00 p.m. Both practices and games will be held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue.) Game schedules can be found at http://www.allprosoftware.net/TPRD_2012_Futsal. For additional information, please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7284. *(Recreation)*

12. **Adult Volleyball - Resumes on Monday:** Drop-in adult volleyball will resume on Monday, January 23, at 8:00 p.m. This program is open to both men and women; all skill levels are welcomed. Event takes place at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Program is free with a Recreation Center I.D. or \$5 without. For additional information, please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7284. *(Recreation)*

13. **Senior Computer Classes:** Winter sessions of the very popular Beginners Computer and Intro to Mac Computers classes for seniors are currently underway in the Computer Room and the Multi-Media lab at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Two new computer specialty classes for seniors (All about iPhoto, and All about iMovie) are scheduled for March 2012. *(Recreation)*

14. **Teens Enjoy Outdoor Fun!:** Last Saturday, January 14, ten teens enjoyed a day of ice skating at the Wheaton Ice Arena. On Saturday, January 21, nine registered teens will be heading to Liberty Mountain for their first ski and snowboard trip of the season. Currently, a few more teens can join us. Those individuals can pay a transportation fee to the Recreation Department and purchase their ski and snowboard tickets at the mountain. For more information contact Bradley Williams at Bradleyw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

15. **Puppy Party This Weekend! (Puppies under 1 year old):** On Saturday, January 21, from 1:30 2:30 p.m., certified dog trainer Francine Holland will host a Puppy Party at Heffner Park Community Center (42 Oswego Avenue). This class is designed to give you an opportunity to socialize your puppy in a safe and supervised environment. Sign up today or drop in tomorrow; cost: T.P. City Residents \$20/class or Non-Residents \$30/class. Socialization is one of the most critical aspects of your puppys development. The ideal number is to meet 100 new dogs by the time they are six months old. Bring vaccination records. *(Recreation)*

16. **Part-Time Recreation Job Opportunities:** The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department is seeking a Recreation Program Assistant, Program Leader, and Program Attendant. The City of Takoma Park offers a wide variety of organized recreational activities such as arts and crafts, performing arts, and camps. The Takoma Park Recreation Department has an opportunity for an outgoing, fun and responsible individual who is available to work part-time in the morning, evening and weekends. Applicants must be 16 years of age. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply. Please submit a City of Takoma Park employment application along with your resume to Eric Rasch, Recreation Manager EricR@takomagov.org or 301-891-7225. Application online at takomaparkmd.gov/hr. EOE *(Recreation)*

17. **Catch 22:** On Monday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m., the Senior Banned Book Club will meet to discuss Joseph Heller's "Catch 22." They will be joined by members of the Friends Reading Group which featured a discussion of "Catch 22" at their last meeting. *(Library)*

18. **Not-So-"Miserables":** The Friends"Big Book Club" will begin discussions of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" on March 14. The Library has several editions of this classic work. The Friends will also discuss "The Leopard" by Giuseppe Di Lampedusa on April 4. *(Library)*

19. **Officers in Meetings:** On January 18, Chief Ricucci held his monthly Chiefs Advisory Board meeting. *(Police)*

20. **Officers in Training:** On January 19, Sgt. Gilbert, Cpl. Pedersen, Cpl. Rodriguez, Cpl. Holmes, Pfc. Mueller and Pvt. Golden attended training entitled CHAMP Child Maltreatment Training at the MPCTC Public Safety & Educational Training Center in Sykesville. *(Police)*

21. **Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):**

- On January 15, Officer Magnaye recruited a volunteer from the Citizens Academy to distribute QUICK TIPS flyers at the Park Ritchie apartments.
- On January 17, Officer Magnaye attended an outreach meeting with the security director at the Washington Adventist University to speak about general safety issues on their campus and their interest in creating a partnership on Rape Aggression Defense classes for their staff and students. A station tour for the Boy Scouts was also conducted.
- On January 18, Officer Magnaye conducted morning business checks on University Boulevard, New Hampshire Avenue, Laurel Avenue, Carroll Avenue and Flower Avenue. She distributed QUICK TIPS flyers at Hampshire Towers. She also created an action plan for a Neighborhood Watch promotion and implementation in the City.
- On January 19, Officer Magnaye attended an outreach meeting with the community services coordinator of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She conducted property spot checks at gas stations on New Hampshire Avenue. She conducted foot patrol on New Hampshire Avenue and Houston Court. She also assisted patrol units in canvassing the area for robbery suspects. (Police)

22. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (January 13-19, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/01/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_19.html. (Police)

23. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 159 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic and one arrest from traffic.

During January 10-19, 2012, the following details were completed:

January 10, 2012

- Garland Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one warning.

January 11, 2012

- Flower Avenue at Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Avenue at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Maple Avenue at Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.
- Jackson Avenue at Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

January 12, 2012

- Flower Avenue at Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted a detail at various times and issued 12 State citations.
- East West Highway at New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued seven State citations.

January 14, 2012

- Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.

January 16, 2012

- Flower Avenue at Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

January 17, 2012

- Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.
- 1100 block of University Blvd. (pedestrian crosswalk) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- East West Highway at New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted a detail at various times and issued 10 State citations.
- East West Highway at New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.

January 18, 2012

- Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued seven State citations and one warning.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and five warnings.
- Maple Avenue at Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warning.
- Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted a detail at various times and issued three State citations and one warning.

- 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed and seven other State citations.
- East West Highway at New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

January 19, 2012

- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a six-hour detail and issued eight State citations.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five warnings.
- Flower Avenue at Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Wildwood Drive at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and four warnings. *(Police)*

24. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week of: 1/13/12 - 1/19/12

State Citations issued: 51

City: 2

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Calls: 2

Reports: 1

Warnings: 5

Training: 6 hours

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 1

(Police)